

(SRI G. CHANDRAKANTH)

just now, I was taking part in the deliberations of the House on that day. After seeing it I rushed to Bidar and in the meanwhile I found that peace was restored. This has been published with the intention to bring to the notice of the people that I am not taking part or representing their cause on the floor of this House and also with the intention that my reputation is undermined and looked down upon by the people of my constituency particularly by muslims, and this is falsely reported. I may be permitted to move this motion.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I will examine the matter. The member has given the papers also and I will examine it.

SRI G. CHANDRAKANTH.—I have given relevant papers and also Attendance Certificate issued by the Secretary, Legislature.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—It is an important matter and I will apply my mind to it. Now next item.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

SRI S. R. BOMMAI (Kundgol).—I call the attention of the Minister for Agriculture and Education to the falling prices of agricultural products :

SRI K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—Due to good harvest in some parts of the State and outside, the prices are no doubt coming down. For certain commodities support prices have been fixed by Government of India and if the rates go below that, the Government of India would probably do the needful.

Support prices are as follows :

		1965-66	1966-67	1967-68
<i>Paddy :</i>				
Fine	...	42.50	42.50	50.00
Midfine	...	39.50	39.50	47.00
Medium	...	36.50	36.50	44.00
Coarse	...	35.50	35.50	43.00
Ragi	...	Nil	Nil	42.00
<i>Jowar :</i>				
White	...	39.00	39.00	42.00
Red	...	37.00	37.00	42.00
Yellow	...	38.00	38.00	42.00
Bajra	...	40.00	40.00	42.00
Maize	...	36.00	36.00	42.00

The present rates have not touched that floor as yet. The rates that prevailed during the last year were abnormally high. The economy of the country may not be able to sustain that high rate under normal conditions. The rates would therefore probably come down to certain extent and stabilise at the level which could be sustained both from producer and consumer points of view. The rates of pulses and wheat were considerably high last year because of low production in the northern and central parts of the country where these crops are grown to a larger extent. However, it may be necessary to keep vigilant watch over the prices to see that they do not crash down below the levels at which it would be uneconomical to invest for increasing agricultural production by the farmers.

The following statement indicates the prices that were prevailing during the current year at Dharwar. It can be seen from this, that the prices were high before harvest and came down immediately after harvest. Now there is an upward trend in the prices at present.

Name of crop		Maximum price and period (per quintal)		Minimum price and period (per quintal)		Present price per quintal
Jowar	...	105	June to October	70	November	83
Groundnut	...	176	June	68	January	85
Chilly	...	376	September	101	January	290
Cotton	...	215	December	142	November	161
Wheat	...	176	January	96	February	128

2-30 P.M.

Member's Representation

SRI S. SHIVAPPA.—Sir, I wish to bring to your notice one important news item and it is regarding the Krishna water dispute. In the Lok Sabha there was a discussion on the Irrigation Demand and during the discussion this issue has been raised there by Parliament members from Mysore State. In reply to that debate, the concerned Minister at the Centre Sri K. L. Rao has replied that arbitration on Krishna waters will be resorted to only after the negotiations have completely failed. He has made it clear that the Mysore Government has not